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Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) at 8 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. CON. RES. 3, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 84, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-4) on the resolution (H. Res. 48) providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 84) to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RUTHERFORD (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and for the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 29 minutes

p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 13, 2017, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

167. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Revisions to Inspection Application Requirements [Docket No.: AMS-SC-16-0063] received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

168. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Regulatory Capital Rules: Implementation of Capital Requirements for Global Systemically Important Bank Holding Companies [Docket No.: R-1535] (RIN: 7100 AE-49) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

169. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's "Strategic Petroleum Reserve Annual Report for Calendar Year 2014", in accordance with Sec. 165 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6245); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

170. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective November 27, 2016, the following qualified for Danger Pay: Philippines: Mindanao Regions with Mindanao; Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao; Zamboanga Peninsula; Northern Mindanao; Davao Region; Soccsksargen Caraga at 25 percent; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

171. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective November 27, 2016, the following posts no longer qualified for Danger Pay: N'Djamena, Chad; Nairobi, Kenya; Abuja, Nigeria; and Khartoum, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

172. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Update to Incorporate FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 Requirements [NRC-2016-0171] (RIN: 3150-AJ84) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

173. A letter from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Fair Opportunity Complaints on GSA Contracts [Change 81; GSAR Case 2015-G513; Docket No.: 2016-0021; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AJ79) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

174. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of April 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016, pursuant to Sec. 5, Public Law 95-452, as amended; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

175. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act Annual Report to Congress for 2016, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. 20307(b); Public Law 99-410, Sec. 105 (as amended by Public Law 111-84, Sec. 587(2)); (123 Stat. 2333); to the Committee on House Administration.

176. A letter from the Division Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final order — Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations [WO-300-L13100000.PP0000] (RIN: 1004-AE37) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

177. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's seventh annual report regarding compliance of federal departments and agencies with providing relevant information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922 note; Public Law 103-159, Sec. 103(e)(1)(E) (as added by Public Law 110-180, Sec. 101(a)); (121 Stat. 2561); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

178. A letter from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Requirements for Affidavits or Declarations of Use, Continued Use, or Excusable Nonuse in Trademark Cases [Docket No.: PTO-T-2016-0002] (RIN: 0651-AD07) received January 10, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

179. A letter from the Chair, NASA Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, transmitting the NASA Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel's Annual Report for 2016 to Congress and to the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WOODALL: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 48. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2017 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2018 through 2026, and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 84) to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces (Rept. 115-094). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota:

H.R. 462. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to include guidance documents in the congressional review process of agency